(b) and (c) Besides expanding the processing capacity of Mother Dairy at Ambattur (Madras), it is proposed Jo establish new Mother Dairies at Delhi, Madras and Calcutta under Operation Flood III.

Smuggling of Groundnut Oil *I*

2047. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL;
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has brought to the notice of Government the incidence of large scale smuggling of groundnut oil across the Kutch border;

(b) if so, whether Governmet have contemplated any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.

Clearance of Slums

2048. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for clearance of slums, what are the critari$_a$ laid down for demolition of slum or J. J. Colonies and which ones are allowed to continue;

(b) whether any restrictions have been placed on administrative discre tion in this connection;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what measures exist to prevent misuse of administrative discretion for harassment and extortion in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) "Urban Develop ment" is a State subject and specific schemes of slum clearance/improve ment are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accord ance with their needs and priorities. The provisions regarding declaration of an area as a "slum area" are conta- I ined in Section 3 of the slum Areas | (Improvement clearance) Act, 1956. The present policy of the Govern ment lays emphasis on the enviorn- mental improvement of slums rather than massive clearance and relocation. Under the State sector scheme of En vironmental Improvement of Urban Slums, basic amenities are provided in Urban slums. However, isolated cases needing slum clearance may arise in some areas but it is for the state Govern ments to effectively deal with the situations and formulate appro priate projects.

Actual Employment Situation

2049. SHRI DEBABRATA BTSWAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

la) whether it is a fact that en> ployment exchange statistics do not provide a picture actual employment situation as the exchanges are situated only at district headquarters;; and

(b) if so, the measures being proposed to have adequate authentic information on employment situation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PAS WAN): (a) The Employment Exchange Statistics do not provide a picture of actual employment situation since all the registered persons are not necessarily unemployed and all the unemployed persons do not necessarily register with the Employment Exchanges.

(bj Data on employment and un-emplement is available from the labo !i torce sample surveys conducted the National Sample Survey
Organisation.

Increase in the quota of rationed items to West Bengal

205- SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will liie" Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL S! PPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to incress the quota of rationed items to We: • Bengal owing to acute short age an; increasing prices during the
Puja F< ti\: i; and

(b) i! ', the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND
CIVIL S'. J I'PLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN V ! (L) : (a) and (b) The allocatio i rice, wheat, sugar and edible Oil fixed for West Bengal for the momhAugust and September, 1990 is; fee lows: —

(Figuies in M. Tonnes}

Commod	August	Septembe r
Rice	74, 000	84, 000
Wheat	90, GCC	9C. CC0
Levy Sugai	25, 888	25, 888
Imported in C00	10,	10, 000

An incre allocation of 10 thou sand tonnes f rice was made to West Bengal for tin- nonth of September. 1990 to *m*he additional demand on account I'uj'a Festival. In case of sugar, a uatitity of 3898 tonnes each for th< months of September & October, 199 ha been released as Festival quo'. For imported edible oils, the moi allocation of West Bengal durir August and September, 1990 is i. tonnes each which is an increa • of 4000 tonnes over the July alloc I1 ion

Decline in Returns from Wheat Cultivation

2051. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent study undertaken by the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chambers of Commerce and Industry has revealed that returns per hectare from wheat cultivation declined sharply;

(b) if so, the reasons put forward for decline in wheat yield per hectare; and

' (c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Study does not speak of decline in yield per hectare. The yield of wheat has registered significant Increases during the seventies and eighties. In order to further improve productivity Special Food-grains Production Programme supplementing the efforts of the State Governments and Minikit Programme of Wheat aimed at enlarging coverage of area under location specific high yielding varieties and adoption of improved wheat production technology in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi are being implemented.

Printed prices on packed items

2052. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL-SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices printed on the packed itmes are too far excessive and there is no relation between ths cost of She product and the price; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to review the matter and to fix the margins of profit of the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailer to check the rise in prices?